

Ad Hoc Water Committee (AHWC) is the longest-standing volunteer committee in Town, and the only committee not appointed by the Board of Selectmen, serving solely at the discretion of this citizen body – Town Meeting. The AHWC serves as a collaborative resource to the Department of Public Works Commissioners and any Town bodies or initiatives where an opportunity exists to promote the goal of “conserving and preserving” Rockport’s potable water, as well as other water-related infrastructure. AHWC is committed to complement the work being done by other related committees in town, and to being a collaborative resource to the Community.

The Committee grew in the last year from three to five appointed volunteers, who bring expertise in a variety of areas spanning environmental science, engineering, project management, real estate, business, communications, special events and a love of the outdoors. We are working on a number of initiatives in 2019:

- Education: In conjunction with Rockport’s Earth Day activities, AWHC plans a tour of our Town water treatment facility and a guided walking tour of the Town’s watershed
- Watershed protection: Updating and expanding on information and initiatives inherited from the former Watershed Protection Committee
- Tap water: Research how other towns that manage their own independent water supplies have conducted volunteer tap water testing, and follow up, so we can learn from that experience and plan possible next steps.

We ask Town Meeting to vote to sustain the AHWC and authorize our volunteer work to continue on behalf of the Town, during the year ahead. AHWC meets monthly on the third Wednesday of each month and new volunteers or guests are always welcome. Information about all meetings and activities is posted on the Town’s website.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Evans, Chairperson

Janet Breiter, Vice Chairperson

Diane Cartwright, Member

Tom Mikus, Member

Eric Hutchins, Member